The responsibility to ensure that the sugarcane growers receive the due cane price payment is that of the State Governments. In November, 2000, the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 was amended to confer powers on the State Governments to recover the cane price arrears (including interest) as arrears of land revenues. The State Governments may use their powers to ensure payment of cane price dues (including interest) to the sugarcane growers, subject to Court orders, if any.

Distribution of foodgrains to States

1228. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVEN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Rice and Wheat procured for the Central Pool during the last three years separately;

(b) the quantum of Rice and Wheat distributed to States during this period separately, State-wise, each year; and

(c) in what manner the surplus foodgrains is disposed each year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) The quantities of rice and wheat procured during the last three years are as under:—

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)

Marketing Year	Rice	Wheat
2000-01	212.80	163.55
2001-02	221.29	206.30
2002-03*	160.30	190.24
2003-04*		158.02

*As on 28.7.2003.

(b) State-wise allotment and offtake of wheat and rice during the last three years under the different schemes are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 199, Annexure No. 7].

(c) A number of measures are being undertaken to step up offtake of foodgrains from the Central Pool under TPDS and other Welfare Schemes by way of fixing attractive CIPs, increase in the scale of allocations to households and liberal allocations under the foodgrains based work related programmes. Offtake under other schemes such as the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) and Exports is also encouraged.

Food Stock in Private and Government godowns

†1229. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat and rice is stored in Government and private godowns after procuring from producers;

(b) if so, the quantity of foodgrains stored in Government godowns and private godowns at the end of March, 2003; and

(c) storage capacity of Government and private godowns under the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As on 31st March, 2003, the storage capacity available with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) (both covered and CAP) was 150.86 lakh tonnes (Owned) and 166.48 lakh tonnes (Hired). The total quantity of foodgrains stored therein was 186.35 lakh tonnes (provisional). The details are as under:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.